



## The Aeronautical Newsletter of the Seattle Flight Standards District Office

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### Welcome

The Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show is coming to the Puyallup Fairground, Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, 2003. This year we are celebrating 20 years of the NW Aviation Conference, and, of course, 100 years since the Wright Brothers first powered flight. The doors open at 8:00 am for coffee and doughnuts, and the Trade Show opens at 9:00 am. Reservations are **NOT** required. We anticipate some 15,000 aviators will attend this years' event.

The Trade Show consists of 125 booths featuring the latest and greatest that aviation has to offer. For Trade Show information, or to rent a display booth visit the web site at:

[www.washington-aviation.org](http://www.washington-aviation.org)  
or contact Rachel Hansen at 1-866-922-7469, or via e-mail at:  
[info@washington-aviation.org](mailto:info@washington-aviation.org)

Enter the fairgrounds at the Gold Gate. Admission to the Northwest Aviation Conference is **FREE!** We have rented the Gold parking lot, so even the parking is **FREE!** The Gold parking lot, and the Gold Gate are at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> and Meridian in Puyallup, WA. As you enter the Gold Gate, the Trade Show is located in the buildings on your right and on your left. The airplane seminars are located upstairs in the building on your left.

### Fly-Ins

Thanks to the generosity of the good folks at the Pierce County Airport Manager's Office and Spanaflight, free

shuttle van transportation is available between Pierce County Airport (Thun Field) and the Fairgrounds. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. The vans will run approximately every half hour. Meet the bus at Spanaflight. Demand for van service is greatest in the morning during opening hours, and in the afternoon just after closing. Plan accordingly, or expect to wait for a van.

### Flying Companion Seminar

The highly acclaimed Flying Companion Seminar will be again be hosted by the 99s. This seminar will run from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday at Clover Park Technical College at the Pierce County Airport (Thun Field). At the conclusion of this seminar, your right seat passenger will feel more comfortable and confident about flying in general, and will be capable of assisting with routine cockpit duties such as reading aeronautical charts, tuning radios, helping with navigation and watching for traffic. This can be a big help when flying into busy airspace. Attendance is limited for this popular seminar so, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY!** Contact Kathleen Torchia at: 253-630-1778, or:

[flying99@att.net](mailto:flying99@att.net)

### Sailplanes

The Soaring Society of America and the Seattle Glider Council will jointly host a two day, all day, Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic tailored specifically for Sailplane pilots. The seminar features Bob Wander from the Soaring

Safety Foundation and a team of soaring experts. **To allow sailplane enthusiasts to participate in the other activities at the NW Aviation Conference, this clinic will be held on Feb 8 and 9, 2003 at the Museum of Flight in the south west corner of Boeing Field, Seattle. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY!** Contact Bob Chase at 425-823-6500.

### Floatplanes

The Seaplane Pilots Association will be hosting a seminar for pilots with water on the brain. The seminar, featuring a discussion of Dunk Tank training, will run from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday in the Expo Hall. (The Expo Hall is the building on your right as you enter the Gold Gate). For all the details, contact John Kittleson - 253-582-3777. Reservations are **NOT** required.

### Ultralights

A seminar on various ultralight operations, including powered parachutes, powered paragliders, and powered and non-powered fixed wing and flexible winged ultralights, is located in the Expo Hall (the building on your right as you enter the Gold Gate). The seminar will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday only. The seminar is free and pre-registration is **not** required. Bring your questions.

In addition an Ultralight Basic Flight Instructor Refresher Course is planned for Sunday at an alternate location. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY!** For complete details, and

to pre-register, contact Grant Smith at 425-271-7464 or

eagleflightequipment@msn.com

## **Airplane Seminars Saturday, Feb 22**

### **10:30 am Sat. – Mark Grady “Why Did I Do That”**

Mark Grady, writer, commercial pilot, professional speaker, and comedian, pokes fun at his height (or lack of it!). Mark will share with you the perils of being a vertically-challenged pilot. How do you get the FAA to STC a phone book as a “pilot height extension device”? Combining broadcasting with his love of flying, he worked 10 years as a traffic watch pilot reporting for three radio stations. He is familiar to North Carolinians, as a radio talk show host, TV telethon host and television commercial personality. What Mark lacks in height, he makes up for in heart, and he tickles our funny bone.

### **1:00 pm Sat. - Phil Boyer “The State of Aviation, 2003”**

Need we say anything more than Phil Boyer, President of the 325,000 member Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association? Phil will be reporting on the status of general aviation affairs locally and around the country. Temporary Flight Restrictions, saving airports, and getting people started in aviation, are just some of the topics he will report on this year.

### **2:30 pm Sat. – Dr. Henry Boren “Medical Matters”**

Dr. Boren is one of five Medical Officers who work directly for Dr Silberman in the Aviation Division at the National Aero Space Medical Headquarters in Oklahoma City. As such, Dr. Boren is directly involved in the issuance of your medical certificate. He deals with the normal certification of pilots as well as special issuance of medicals for pilots with medical challenges. Dr. Boren will be speaking about general medical

certification issues. Bring your questions.

### **4:00 pm Sat. Julie Clark “Aerobatically Speaking”**

Julie Clark is a veteran pilot with more than 25 years of flight experience and 20,000 accident-free hours. One of the first women pilots to fly for a major airline, she captains DC-9s and MD-80s for Northwest Airlines. Captain Clark is checked out in more than 65 types of aircraft, including B-17s and PBY-5 flying boats. Julie was a civilian instructor at NAS Lemoore, CA., flying the military T-34 trainer for the U. S. Navy. In 1977 she purchased a T-34 unseen for \$18,000 at a government surplus sale in Anchorage. After flying 2,900 miles home she began the extensive restoration. Now flying an average of 23 air shows a year in her Beechcraft Mopar T-34 Mentor, she performs an elaborate ballet of grace and skill in the sky. Julie is a beautiful, energetic, all-American inspiration to young and old alike.

## **Airplane Seminars Sunday, Feb 23**

### **11:00 am Sun. – Bruce McAllister “Flying the Alaska Highway”**

A longtime resident of the Colorado Rockies, Bruce McAllister is a freelance magazine photographer who has logged many of his 4,700 hours of flight time in the Alaskan Arctic, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and following the Alaska Highway. Bruce will be taking us on a photographic journey north and sharing some wonderful stories of his adventures and of Alaska’s colorful aviation history.

### **12:00 pm Sun. Molly Peebles “The Flight Across America”**

Molly Peebles is a private pilot living in Bellingham, and the Founder and Executive Director of the Flight Across America. It was a national aviation

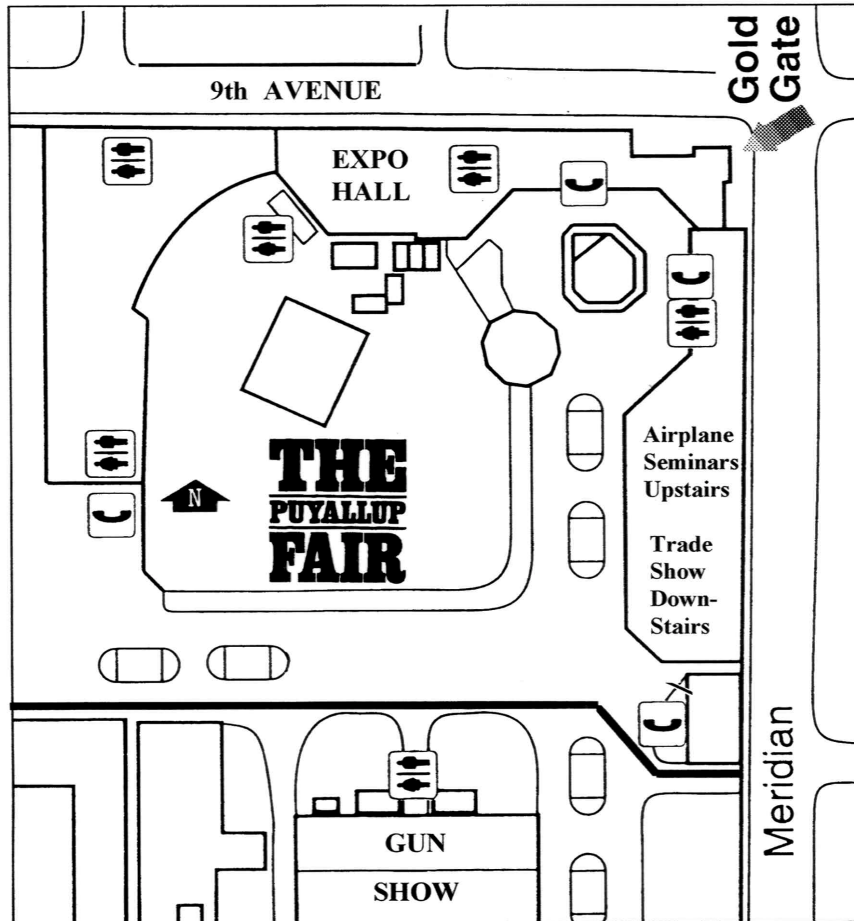
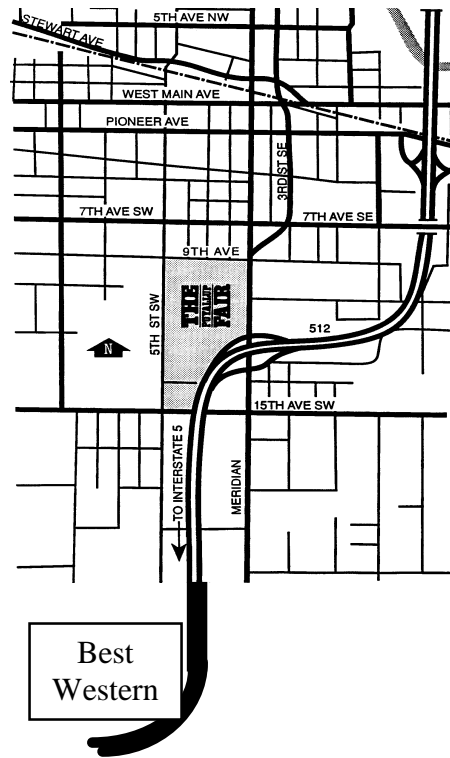
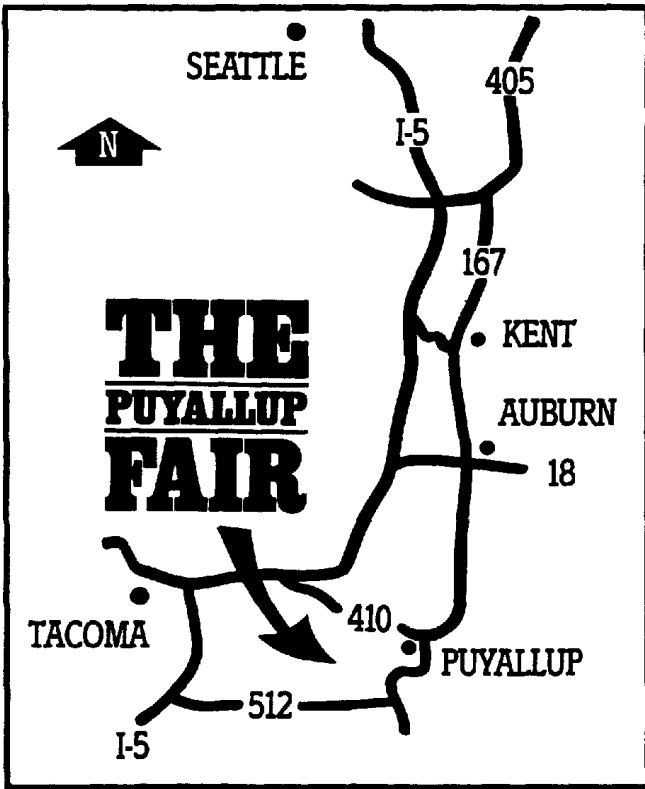
event, a grassroots celebration of the freedom of flight and memorial to the victims of September 11th. In those first days after the attacks, Molly was mad and decided to do something about it. She dreamed of a grassroots celebration of the freedom of flight and a memorial to the victims of 9/11. Her vision blossomed into a national movement supported by thousands of pilots and hundreds of aviation organizations, ended with moving ceremonies in New York on Sept. 11, 2002. The National Aeronautics Association gave Molly a Certificate of Honor for the contribution the Flight Across America made to aviation. Hear firsthand the uplifting story of what aviation gave to one Washington state woman and what she, in turn, gave to aviation and the world.

### **1:00 pm Sun. Peter M. Bowers “100 Years of Powered Flight”**

Perhaps best known for his ongoing series of photographs and stories in “The Flyer” newspaper, aviation historian Peter Bowers will take us on a pictorial journey through 100 years of powered flight. Pete is recognized as one of the world's most respected aviation historians, with numerous books and hundreds of articles to his credit. Never far from a camera, Bowers also has one of the United States' largest collections of aviation prints and negatives. You don't want to miss this nostalgic presentation.

### **2:30 pm – Eric Lindbergh “The Spirit of St. Lewis – 75 Years Later”**

Last May, on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's epic flight, 36 year old Eric Lindbergh duplicated his grandfathers solo crossing of the Atlantic. Eric's flight was in a 184 miles per hour Lancair, whereas his grandfather flew the 108 miles per hour Spirit of St. Louis. Come meet the man and hear the story of the preparation and completion of the 3,600 mile flight from New York to Paris in a single engine airplane.



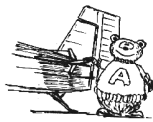
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**May you always find VFR and tailwinds**



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